

이선영

*Alone to sharp thorns.
Hidden beneath the captivating petals.
Exquisite yet dangerous are they.*

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Blood: Nightmare [The tenth Gourmet]

The moment you're touched by his dark, shadow-like hand,
you fall into a dream from which you cannot wake.
Dreams are his territory, and within,
his power is immense.

Free to rifle through memories
deep within the recesses of your mind,
his skill is to extract
and manipulate them,
leaving your mind in disorder.

As he does, he will slowly savour the taste;
relishing his repast.
His usual targets are contractors
who have exchanged blood with a vampire.



Yes!!

It is I,
Bloody
Nightmare.



I'm well
renowned even
amongst you
humans.

You are
the first
prey I have
personally
come to greet
myself,
human.

Be
honoured.



**J-JUST GO
AWAY!!**

*And so,
you should
quietly offer
up your
blood...*



**My already
misfortunate life got
even worse after
getting involved
with you!!**

**Contractor:
The finest
prey?? To
hell with
that!!**

**Who said
you can
label a
perfectly
normal human
prey?!!**



**You think
I wanted
this to
happen?**

**You're the
one who
bit me!!**



Didn't you bite
me first?!!

So why'd you trick
me in the first place?

Hah, seriously?!!
Blaming me when you're
actually the one who
misunderstood
?!!

Despite my
letting you live while
knowing my secret, you
ungrateful human!!

Right, I'm
resigning!!

I said no!!

Silence,
you two!!!!

AREH!



Just saying this in advance, if you let those fingernails touch you, you're as good as dead.

How am I even supposed to dodge those! Das... die waren streng about it please.

So you only speak politely at times like this.

Don't worry. I'll protect you.

Because you are my contractor.

You just stay put right here. I'll let go for now since you'll be in the way.

...What?



You're telling
me to wait in
mid-air??!



... Shit!!

But you
said I was
your con-
tractor!

You said
you'd
protect
me!





Humans are
free-falling
organisms!!
Those damn
bastards!!



TENSE

... I'm falling!!



Hurrrgh!!! I'm gonna die!!

JOLT!!

... I didn't die.

Phew
That's a relief



On that note,

GLANCE

where am I?





I see,

so I'm
inside a
nightmare.

During one cold
winter, a baby
possessing extra-
ordinary red eyes
and white hair,
was abandoned.

Once the boy grew
up a little more, in
attempt to create
a sense of unity
for the boy, the
orphanage gave
everyone uniforms.

In the end,
the boy stood
out even more.



If we put dirt on it like
this, his hair will turn
black right?

Then you can
become like us.

Mano, you've
got to stay still.

We'll help you.

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Those
kids
again...



Mama, don't
think too badly
of them.

They only did
it because they
wanted to
help you...



ZAA



Their selfish actions of kindness, sympathy, and concern, only further emphasised how different the boy was.

Why do I always have to understand and endure?

Is it because
I look weird?

I musn't cry.

Since my eyes will
become more red
if I cry...

And yet there is only one thing
that I've always truly wanted...



Please
just
leave
me
alone

...

SP
LIT









LIVE

Ah, my bad.
I thought I'd
give you a
haircut as
thanks,



but I'm not
too skilled
with my
hands, you
see.



...pf!
Look at
his hair.
Hehe...
Looks so
stupid.



REMBLE
Hey...
You ok?!!
That was
awesome !!

**YOU
ARSEHOLE-!!!**

In the end
I lost my temper that day.

... How embarrassing.



To think
he'd freak
out and
faint from
falling a
bit...

Tch

OUT
COLD

How weak...



-wouldn't you agree?

Aren't you
and I the
same kind?

Why
do you
interfere?



Don't put
us on the
same level.

You are
weaker
than me.



What makes
you so sure?

Well that is,

CONFIDENT

because I
am more
handsome.





I-I am also quite good looking myse....

...I'm also

... It's my loss.



...also...

Hm... I
guess from
up close

you're not
quite bad
yourself,
indeed

Being a
mutant,
you would
know this
already
yes?

As well as
having one
unique ability,
there will also be
a single critical
weakness...







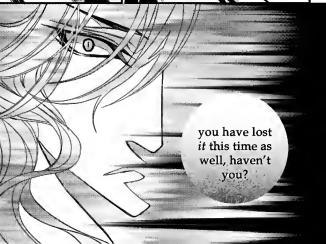
I am also quite curious.

Ah...
How unlike me.

I have curiosity.

What could your weakness be,
shall I read that memory which you hope to forget?

Again,



you have lost
it this time as
well, haven't
you?





ANNOYED
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Must I
keep them
company
for now...

SHH

SHH
H

Carvel.

Why did you
leave me?



You said that
we'd be

together
forever.

You said you'd
protect me.

You said that
you loved me...



...Eve.







Through
death, she
was able to
live on forever
within my
memory.

In the end,
she had
become mine
to possess.

Do you
resent this
me?



But

I cannot
kill myself.



Why do they
act however,
they want
towards me

and yet
expect me
to simply
endure it all?

Why don't
they just leave
me alone?



From now on, I'm
going to do what
I want as well...

I'll erase
them all.

-Aren't I
right?





Well then,
bon appétit...



I've tried
imagining
something like
this before, at
least once

In a moment
like that

and thought
about what I'd do
if I could travel
back to the past
or meet with
my past self.

I would make
sure to

beat myself
to pulp.

✂ This is a shoujo manga.

Pow



...??



Yeah... It was around this age when I went around causing all sorts of chaos

In the end, I wasted all my precious time not knowing what to do after getting expelled within a week, and by the time I'd gotten my self back together... it was too late



I worked my ass off and just managed to sit the exam and get into uni after a taking a couple of years off, and thanks to working to pay off my student loans, my life is now at stake.



Nice bumping into you here.

My dark past.

...Indeed.

I can kill
'you'.

However

...I
cannot
kill 'me'.

If that was
possible, I
would've been
able to die a
long time ago.



Get out of
my sight.



...Hm?

Something
about you...



Why don't
you have
eyebrows?



D-

DON'T
LOOK!!!



SHOVE



I'm gonna fall!!





So that
is your
weakness.



DON'T
LOOK!!

DON'T
LOOK!!
DON'T
LOOK!!
DON'T
LOOK!!
DON'T
LOOK!!
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LOOK!!
DON'T
LOOK!!
DON'T
LOOK!!



*Then just
stay like
that.*



*Although,
if you are
covering your
face with both
hands*

*I wonder
how you'll
block me?*

Why...

can't move!!!



'Absolute Decree',
you...

Impossible.

Could it be...

LONG





Could
it be

that you
are...

Arrest.



Um...

If it's all over, could you maybe let go of me?

DANGLE
DANGLE

Ah.



Here.

CRASH!
GAH!

WHO SAID
TO JUST
LET GO LIKE
THAT!

I have lots
to complain
about and I
feel like
crap...

but I guess
I should
thank him.

SWEETISH.

...Thank you

for
rescuing
me.





I told
you.

I will
protect at
least you.



BADUMP..

...Badump?

**STRANGER'S
SELF**
*distorted
way to love...*

Did I really just
go badump?!!

※ This is a strange member.



How
beautiful...



A vampire admiring
a sunrise...



It sure is
weird!

but I guess
it's not bad.

RUSTLE



... Hm?

Why is my
laptop here...



Now that I think about it,

doesn't this place look familiar?



THIS IS...!!

IT'S MY HOUSE!!!



Hmm,
I see.

"HM"?!
"I SEE"?!!

WHAT ARE YOU
GONNA DO
ABOUT THIS!!!



I said
I would
protect you

but I never said that
I would protect your
house as well, no?



Aah...

It's all over for me.

Flo
Does that mean
MP

That I'm a babe now?



-Oi.

Don't talk to me!

Sorry, lord.

I'm the idiot here

for thinking well of him for even a second!!



It's best if I no longer associate with...

Now that I think about it, there's a vacant room in the library.

... someone... like him...

PERK UP

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I'm saying
that I
approve
of it.

What other
permission
do you need?



Too...
too dazzling!!

HNG..!

A strange library where
strange things happen.

Come
now, let
us return.

To the
library.

And those strange
beings.

Well what
does it
matter.

I am the same as them.



And so
began my job at the library.

It's been a
while since I
last exerted
my power,
so now I am
hungry.

If you're
gonna drink
my blood,
treat me to a
meal first.

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